

USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training Program

Sponsored by UMass Extension and the MA Dept of Agricultural Resources

UMass Extension, the UMass Department of Nutrition and the MA Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) are pleased to present a **USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training Program** for growers and other fresh produce handlers.

At the training, you will learn more about:

- the costs and impact of diseases and outbreaks caused by food-borne pathogens
- strategies for controlling potential microbial food safety hazards before planting and throughout all phases of production – planting, production, harvesting and postharvest handling
- the USDA Third Party Audit process
- the MA Commonwealth Quality program as a possible alternative to GAP

You will also:

- receive a manual filled with GAP resources
- receive a memory loaded with templates needed to maintain records to verify USDA GAP that can be customized for your farm

At the end of the session, you will receive a certificate of participation and one pesticide credit for participating through UMass Extension.

The key presenter for the training is **Dr. Richard Bonanno, Ph.D.** Extension Educator with UMass Extension. The cost for this GAP training is \$50.00. Send additional employees for \$10.00 which includes the presentation, pesticide credit, refreshments, but not the GAP manual. **Space is limited.** Please make your checks payable to **University of Massachusetts. Note that we cannot accept cash payments.** Send the check along with the registration information given below to Doreen York, Agriculture & Landscape Program, 210 Bowditch Hall, 201 Natural Resources Rd., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. **If you have questions, please contact Doreen at 413-545-2254 or email at dyork@umext.umass.edu.**

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Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation Office

249 Lakeside Drive (the office is located at the intersection of Rt 20 and 495)

Marlboro, MA 01752 (Farm Bureau office phone: 508 481 4766)

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Registration deadline: April 3, 2012

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